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(SBU) We delivered reftel letter from USTR Schwab to Minister of Trade and Industry Rachid Rachid on February 26 and demarche to Dina Mohammed, Trade in Services Manager for the Ministry. Mohammed said the GOE welcomes the USG request for bilateral negotiations on trade in services in Geneva and noted that Walid el-Nozahay, head of the ministry's WTO department, is already in Geneva. She said that she was uncertain of the GOE's plans for negotiations but that she would seek a formal response to the request.